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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7887

BILL NUMBER: HB 2019

DATE PREPARED: Jan 5, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: County Managers.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill specifies the powers and duties of the county administrator. The bill provides that a county that adopts a resolution defining the administrator's job description consistent with the duties specified in statute may receive a state grant of \$20,000 that is to be applied to the administrator's salary.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: In CY 2000, twelve counties employed a county administrator. One of these counties employed the administrator on a part-time basis, and would not be included in this bill. The eleven full-time administrators received salaries for a total of \$482,000. The average salary is estimated to be \$43,800. This bill would provide counties, who meet the conditions specified in this bill, an annual grant of \$20,000 to cover salary expenses. The state grants for these eleven counties would be \$220,000. However, these counties would need to adopt an ordinance which included the job description.

Potentially, if all ninety-two counties adopted an ordinance with the provided job description and hired a county administrator under those guidelines, the maximum annual impact could be \$1.84 M. Since the bill does not mandate a county to adopt an ordinance for employing an administrator, or specify a date for passage of an ordinance, the full potential impact may not be completely realized and could be spread out over a number of years.

This bill does not make an appropriation for these grants.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Local expenditures for county managers could decrease by \$20,000 if they receive a state grant.

Explanation of Local Revenues: Counties adopting the job description provided for in the bill could apply for the State grant.

State Agencies Affected: Office of the Auditor of State.

Local Agencies Affected: Counties.

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